

Community Assessment Program Area 33 Report to the Community

The Community Assessment Program is intended to bring work groups of city employees across department lines into each neighborhood of the city so all neighborhoods are the focus of an information gathering and issue identification effort at least once a year.

Staff walked this area on May 7, 2003 to conduct a first hand assessment. Corrective actions have been scheduled, assignments made, follow-up is being documented, and this report has been prepared to the community on the area.

Area 33 is bordered on the north by SW Hall Boulevard, on the east by Greenburg Road and on the south and west by Highway 217. The area is zoned and developed Mixed use Commercial and is located within the Washington Square Regional Center area.

Below is a summary of the assessment of your area. Please note where the city or other agency will assume responsibility for follow-up and where private citizens are responsible. Volunteer opportunities are also identified where neighbors could get involved to address issues. Together, we can work to improve our community.

Kudos – The walkers did not notice a lot of problems on any of the sites in this area. They noted that the embassy Suites site was exceptionally nice looking.

Street maintenance – A comment was received regarding needed street maintenance to fix potholes, cracks etc. The Public Works Department will assess each location and establish a priority for maintenance. Questions? Contact Howard Gregory at 503-639-4171 ext 2606 or howard@ci.tigard.or.us.

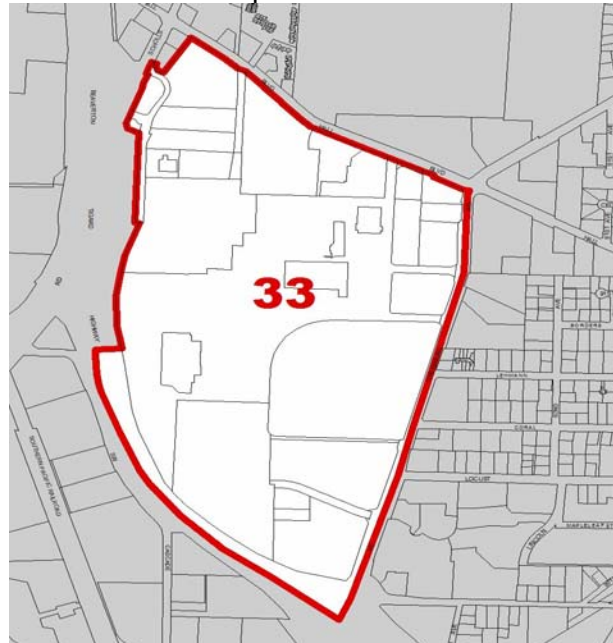
Storm drain stenciling – None of the storm drains in the area are stenciled to discourage dumping. The city's volunteer coordinator has added storm drain stenciling in this area to the potential volunteer project list. If you're interested in helping out, contact Susan Koepping, Volunteer Coordinator, at 503-639-4171 ext. 2402 or susank@ci.tigard.or.us.

Clogged catch basins – The Public Works Department will send a crew out to clear out clogged catch basins where noted. Keeping the catch basins clear is important to insure that rain water is directed where it is designed to go. You can help by not dumping debris of any kind down the storm

Photo of area 33



Map of Area 33



drain and by calling the Public Works Department if you notice a catch basin that needs to be cleaned out. Questions? contact Eric Hand at 503-639-4171 ext. 2607 or eric@ci.tigard.or.us.

Graffiti – Several instances of graffiti were noticed in this area. The reports have been forwarded to the Police department for follow-up action, which includes photographing the graffiti for record and notifying the property owner or public agency (if it is on a utility pole, box or transit stop). If you spot graffiti or have questions contact the police non-emergency number at 503-629-0111 to report the location.

Signs without permits/located in the right of way – Did you know that all signs, even temporary signs, require permits? We noted several temporary signs that did not have permits and some that did have permits but that were placed in the right of way. The right of way includes the sidewalk and the planter strip between the sidewalk and the street. To obtain a temporary sign permit and get more information on the required locations for signs, contact the Planning Permit Technicians at 639-4171 x 2424 or email them at kristie@ci.tigard.or.us or cherylc@ci.tigard.or.us.

More ways you can help make our community better –

Neighborhood Watch - Are your neighbors watching out for you? Do you know your neighbors? Do you know how and when to call Tigard Police? Start a neighborhood watch program! At some point, your neighborhood may have had an active Neighborhood Watch program working in partnership with the Tigard Police. Over time, many Tigard neighborhoods have evolved with new residents moving in and others moving away. Maybe it is time to take another look at your neighborhood. For more information on how to take a bite out of crime in your neighborhood and at the same time get re-acquainted with your neighbors, contact the Tigard Police Crime Prevention Officer at 503-718-2561.

Help protect our streams - If you and your neighbors, church group or scout troop would like to help keep our streams clean, help out by volunteering to stencil storm drains. The “dump no waste, drains to stream” message reminds people not to dump soapy water, pesticides or other substances down the storm drains. If you are interested, contact Susan Koepping at 503-639-4171 x 2402 or susank@ci.tigard.or.us.

If you are interested in serving as a community connector for this area, please contact Liz Newton at 503-639-4171 ext. 2412 or liz@ci.tigard.or.us. The role of the community connector is a two way communicator of information as well as the neighborhood contact in times of emergency.